

C4 *musculus* (mouse) intracellular IL1RN, is to human IL1RN (75% identical over 157 a.a.) (see UniGene database, ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/UniGene website).

In the Claims:

SW Please cancel claims 2, 3, 56-59, 61-64, 66, and 68, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Replace the pending claims with the following:

1. An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

 - C5 60. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

 - C6 65. (Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 60, wherein the mature form is naturally occurring.

 67. An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

 69. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
 - C7 70. (New) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a human polypeptide.
 71. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 72. (New) A kit comprising, in one or more containers, the composition of claim 71.
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